

To the FCC:

I think that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is not only unfair and biased, but a clear example of why the US media is not fairing too well in global perception.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, the public interest is clearly not being served well when there is a heavy leaning to one side or the other.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Because as we can see, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what is good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news coverage about issues that matter.

Thank you.